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### STATES TO RECEIVE \$188 MILLION IN FEDERAL SPORT FISH AND WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUNDS

William P. Horn, Interior Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, announced today that \$188 million will go to various States, Commonwealths, and Territories to assist their fish and wildlife restoration programs.

"This is a record preliminary apportionment for the two bedrock Federal aid conservation programs administered by the Fish and Wildlife Service," Horn said. "America's hunters and fishermen and the industries associated with these activities can--and should--take great pride in the key role they play in funding thousands of State projects to benefit wildlife."

The funds come primarily from excise taxes on sporting equipment bought by hunters and anglers and are a result of two pieces of legislation, the Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration (Dingell-Johnson) Act and the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration (Pittman-Robertson) Act. This year's preliminary apportionment figure also includes money withheld last year under the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings Act.

The Dingell-Johnson program will receive \$110,400,000--the highest preliminary apportionment for fish restoration on record. This money comes from an excise tax on fishing equipment such as rods, reels, creels, and artificial baits, lures, and flies. The funding virtually tripled since 1984 when a share of motorboat fuel taxes and an added tax on certain types of previously untaxed fishing equipment, such as tackle boxes, were added under the Wallop-Breaux amendment. In addition, the import duties on pleasure boats and fishing equipment were deposited in the Wallop-Breaux Trust Fund.

As a result, State wildlife agencies received significant increases in money to spend on fish restoration projects last year. States retain authority to determine how to spend this extra money based on their needs and certain conditions in the amendment. Many States have allocated money to conduct fishery surveys in order to set priorities for further fish restoration projects. Others are emphasizing construction or improvement of boat ramps and associated facilities, including handicapped access facilities, enlarging or improving lakes to provide more recreational fishing and fish habitat, and developing aquatic education classes designed to reduce fishing- and boating-related accidents. Increased fishery research activities and development of public fishing areas in urban settings are also planned by some States.

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Money for State fish restoration programs is distributed under a formula based on the number of fishing license holders and the land and water area in each State. States receiving the largest share of funds this year are Alaska, California, Texas, Minnesota, and Michigan.

The Pittman-Robertson program will receive \$77,600,00 for wildlife restoration projects. These funds are collected from manufacturers' excise taxes on sporting arms and ammunition, archery equipment, and handguns. Hunter education programs, authorized under the Pittman-Robertson Act, are funded by one-half of the excise tax on handguns and archery equipment.

Distribution of wildlife restoration funds to the States is determined by a formula based on the number of hunting license holders and the land area in each State. Hunter education funds are determined by the population of the State. States receiving the largest share of wildlife restoration funds this year are Alaska, California, Pennsylvania, and Texas.

The attached tables outline the preliminary distribution of fish and wildlife restoration funds.

PRELIMINARY APPORTIONMENT OF  
FEDERAL AID IN SPORT FISH RESTORATION FUNDS  
FOR FISCAL YEAR 1987

	<u>BASE FUNDS</u>	<u>EXPANDED FUNDS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
ALABAMA	\$393,065	\$1,477,383	\$1,870,448
ALASKA	1,160,000	4,360,000	5,520,000
ARIZONA	506,083	1,902,173	2,408,256
ARKANSAS	391,312	1,470,791	1,862,103
CALIFORNIA	1,160,000	4,360,000	5,520,000
COLORADO	574,825	2,160,548	2,735,373
CONNECTICUT	232,000	872,000	1,104,000
DELAWARE	232,000	872,000	1,104,000
FLORIDA	519,327	1,951,954	2,471,281
GEORGIA	469,095	1,763,151	2,232,246
HAWAII	232,000	872,000	1,104,000
IDAHO	404,602	1,520,744	1,925,346
ILLINOIS	527,586	1,982,995	2,510,581
INDIANA	370,907	1,394,100	1,765,007
IOWA	341,014	1,281,742	1,622,756
KANSAS	339,601	1,276,432	1,616,033
KENTUCKY	371,210	1,395,239	1,766,449
LOUISIANA	382,425	1,437,389	1,819,814
MAINE	232,000	872,000	1,104,000
MARYLAND	232,000	872,000	1,104,000
MASSACHUSETTS	232,000	872,000	1,104,000
MICHIGAN	852,681	3,204,905	4,057,586
MINNESOTA	855,947	3,217,181	4,073,128
MISSISSIPPI	326,491	1,227,156	1,553,647
MISSOURI	593,506	2,230,764	2,824,270
MONTANA	521,940	1,961,773	2,483,713
NEBRASKA	296,915	1,115,992	1,412,907
NEVADA	364,056	1,368,350	1,732,406
NEW HAMPSHIRE	232,000	872,000	1,104,000
NEW JERSEY	232,000	872,000	1,104,000
NEW MEXICO	419,382	1,576,299	1,995,681
NEW YORK	575,284	2,162,275	2,737,559
NORTH CAROLINA	336,451	1,264,593	1,601,044
NORTH DAKOTA	254,179	955,360	1,209,539
OHIO	621,802	2,337,119	2,958,921
OKLAHOMA	449,634	1,690,003	2,139,637
OREGON	544,366	2,046,065	2,590,431
PENNSYLVANIA	559,974	2,104,728	2,664,702
RHODE ISLAND	232,000	872,000	1,104,000
SOUTH CAROLINA	265,624	998,378	1,264,002
SOUTH DAKOTA	275,437	1,035,263	1,310,700
TENNESSEE	432,727	1,626,456	2,059,183
TEXAS	1,160,000	4,360,000	5,520,000
UTAH	387,173	1,455,235	1,842,408
VERMONT	232,000	872,000	1,104,000
VIRGINIA	350,984	1,319,216	1,670,200
WASHINGTON	533,708	2,006,005	2,539,713
WEST VIRGINIA	232,000	872,000	1,104,000
WISCONSIN	824,855	3,100,317	3,925,172
WYOMING	315,167	1,184,591	1,499,758
PUERTO RICO	232,000	872,000	1,104,000
GUAM	77,333	290,667	368,000
VIRGIN ISLANDS	77,333	290,667	368,000
AMERICAN SAMOA	77,333	290,667	368,000
MARIANA ISLANDS	77,333	290,667	368,000
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	77,333	290,667	368,000
TOTAL	\$23,200,000	\$87,200,000	\$110,400,000

PRELIMINARY APPORTIONMENT OF  
FEDERAL AID IN WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUNDS  
FOR FISCAL YEAR 1987

	WILDLIFE RESTORATION	HUNTER EDUCATION	TOTAL
ALABAMA	\$1,081,307	\$302,669	\$1,383,976
ALASKA	3,255,000	125,000	3,380,000
ARIZONA	1,549,565	211,466	1,761,031
ARKANSAS	1,120,544	177,826	1,298,370
CALIFORNIA	2,586,445	375,000	2,961,445
COLORADO	1,671,275	224,768	1,896,043
CONNECTICUT	325,500	241,787	567,287
DELAWARE	325,500	125,000	450,500
FLORIDA	1,102,080	375,000	1,477,080
GEORGIA	1,355,095	375,000	1,730,095
HAWAII	325,500	125,000	450,500
IDAHO	1,342,447	125,000	1,467,447
ILLINOIS	1,210,129	375,000	1,585,129
INDIANA	964,674	375,000	1,339,674
IOWA	1,051,104	226,678	1,277,782
KANSAS	1,231,258	183,871	1,415,129
KENTUCKY	1,009,592	284,881	1,294,473
LOUISIANA	1,261,078	327,093	1,588,171
MAINE	749,725	125,000	874,725
MARYLAND	440,533	328,064	768,597
MASSACHUSETTS	325,500	375,000	700,500
MICHIGAN	2,352,493	375,000	2,727,493
MINNESOTA	1,741,649	317,226	2,058,875
MISSISSIPPI	1,064,356	196,120	1,260,476
MISSOURI	1,643,471	375,000	2,018,471
MONTANA	2,000,794	125,000	2,125,794
NEBRASKA	1,077,768	125,000	1,202,768
NEVADA	1,241,540	125,000	1,366,540
NEW HAMPSHIRE	325,500	125,000	450,500
NEW JERSEY	338,701	375,000	713,701
NEW MEXICO	1,524,788	125,000	1,649,788
NEW YORK	2,066,847	375,000	2,441,847
NORTH CAROLINA	1,190,069	375,000	1,565,069
NORTH DAKOTA	910,549	125,000	1,035,549
OHIO	1,343,213	375,000	1,718,213
OKLAHOMA	1,240,178	235,383	1,475,561
OREGON	1,682,485	204,836	1,887,321
PENNSYLVANIA	2,843,909	375,000	3,218,909
RHODE ISLAND	325,500	125,000	450,500
SOUTH CAROLINA	711,184	242,692	953,876
SOUTH DAKOTA	1,109,670	125,000	1,234,670
TENNESSEE	1,585,761	357,187	1,942,948
TEXAS	3,255,000	375,000	3,630,000
UTAH	1,317,364	125,000	1,442,364
VERMONT	377,784	125,000	502,784
VIRGINIA	1,309,335	375,000	1,684,335
WASHINGTON	1,278,399	321,351	1,599,750
WEST VIRGINIA	870,626	125,000	995,626
WISCONSIN	1,981,991	366,102	2,348,093
WYOMING	1,345,725	125,000	1,470,725
PUERTO RICO	325,500	--	325,500
GUAM	108,500	--	108,500
VIRGIN ISLANDS	108,500	--	108,500
AMERICAN SAMOA	108,500	--	108,500
MARIANA ISLANDS	108,500	--	108,500
TOTAL	\$65,100,000	\$12,500,000	\$77,600,000